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IN UNITED VAN LINES MIGRATION STUDY

ST. LOUIS--Florida heads the list of states attracting the greatest percentage of new residents versus people moving away, according to a migration patterns study conducted by United Van Lines, one of the world's largest movers of household goods. Of total movements United handled to and from the state of Florida, 66 percent were inbound.

The study, based on more than 148,000 household goods shipments the moving company serviced in the 50 states during 1979, revealed that the District of Columbia had the highest in-migration percentage. Of total movements handled in the District, 66.7 percent were inbound.

Total inbound and outbound shipments United handled were compared state by state in the study. If 55 percent or more of relocation activity was inbound, the state was considered to have high in-migration.

United's migration patterns study shows that states in the Pacific Northwest, Southwest, and Southeast are continuing to gain more population than they lose. Besides the District of Columbia and Florida, states considered to have high in-migration include Washington, Hawaii, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Virginia.

"Florida lures people going into retirement," said United's Vice President and General Manager Robert J. Baer. "While customer-paid residential moves account for the largest segment of our inbound traffic, we cannot overlook relocations of employees in the industrial community. Florida's extensive tourism industry and the services necessary to support it create a portion of our business. The number of military personnel relocating to Florida also is a factor in the state's attaining top position in our survey."

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Baer said that the District of Columbia attracts many people because it is the seat of the country's government. "Civil service and military transfers account for a large percentage of the in-out moves," he explained.

States experiencing the greatest losses in population according to the United study were in the Northeast and North Central areas. Leading the list with high out-migration were New York, Maine, and Wisconsin. A state is considered to have high out-migration if 44.9 percent or less of total moving activity is inbound. Only 36 percent of the shipments handled in New York were inbound; Maine, 36.7 percent; and Wisconsin, 37.8 percent.

Baer explained that United's records show that there is a continuing trend toward movement away from the Northeastern and North Central sections of the country. "Many factors seem to be influencing migration from these areas," he said. "They include escalating costs of doing business for many manufacturing companies, living costs, energy problems, and severe winter weather."

Twenty-four states experienced an approximate balance between outbound and inbound moving, the United study revealed. This means that between 45 percent and 54.9 percent of the activity was inbound.

Five states accounted for more than 37 percent of all household goods shipments handled by United. These states were California (36,680 shipments), Texas (27,037 shipments), Florida (20,191 shipments), New York (13,977 shipments), and Illinois (13,039 shipments).

Nevada, Wyoming, and Alaska, which were listed among high in-migration states in 1978, did not attain this category in 1979. Virginia was the only state where inbound activity elevated it to high in-migration status. The top state in the 1978 study, Oregon, slipped to fifth position in 1979.

New York was the leading state in high outbound movement in the 1979 study. New Jersey and Pennsylvania, which ranked second and third respectively, were replaced in 1979 by Maine and Wisconsin. New Hampshire joined states with high out-migration in 1979, while Kansas and Iowa lost this status.

United Van Lines, a sponsor of the 1980 Olympic Games, is one of the world's largest movers of household goods and has more than 1,000 agents in 150 countries around the globe. The van line also handles shipments of electronic equipment, as well as exhibits and displays. World headquarters is in suburban St. Louis.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS SHIPMENTS
HANDLED BY UNITED VAN LINES IN 1979
BY STATE

	<u>Total Shipments</u>	<u>Outbound Shipments</u>	<u>Inbound Shipments</u>	<u>% Inbound Shipments</u>
Alabama	4,186	2,152	2,034	48.6
Alaska	814	414	400	49.1
Arizona	7,692	2,782	4,910	53.8
Arkansas	2,032	884	1,148	56.5
California	36,680	17,817	18,863	51.4
Colorado	8,665	4,066	4,599	53.1
Connecticut	3,860	2,154	1,706	44.2
Delaware	1,193	637	556	46.6
D.C.	1,318	439	879	66.7
Florida	20,191	6,866	13,325	66.0
Georgia	9,352	4,792	4,560	48.8
Hawaii	725	251	474	65.4
Idaho	1,984	927	1,057	53.3
Illinois	13,039	7,883	5,156	39.5
Indiana	4,168	2,350	1,818	43.6
Iowa	2,531	1,352	1,179	46.6
Kansas	4,504	2,463	2,041	45.3
Kentucky	3,439	1,848	1,591	46.3
Louisiana	5,274	2,584	2,690	51.0
Maine	1,777	1,124	653	36.7
Maryland	4,742	2,487	2,255	47.6
Massachusetts	7,175	4,272	2,903	40.5
Michigan	8,562	5,058	3,504	40.9
Minnesota	3,721	1,846	1,875	50.4
Mississippi	2,400	1,261	1,139	47.5
Missouri	6,948	3,685	3,263	47.0
Montana	1,612	981	631	39.1
Nebraska	1,831	890	941	51.4
Nevada	2,826	1,331	1,495	51.1
New Hampshire	1,719	990	729	42.4
New Jersey	8,804	5,467	3,337	37.9
New Mexico	3,079	1,542	1,537	49.9
New York	13,977	8,945	5,032	36.0
North Carolina	6,872	3,244	3,628	52.8
North Dakota	927	523	404	43.6
Ohio	9,653	5,632	4,021	41.7
Oklahoma	3,702	1,509	2,193	59.2
Oregon	3,716	1,324	2,392	64.4
Pennsylvania	8,975	5,564	3,411	38.0
Rhode Island	785	391	394	50.2
South Carolina	3,761	1,828	1,933	51.4
South Dakota	759	439	320	42.2
Tennessee	5,533	2,629	2,904	52.5
Texas	27,037	11,136	15,901	58.8
Utah	1,912	769	1,143	59.8
Vermont	478	234	244	51.0
Virginia	7,721	3,466	4,255	55.1
Washington	7,085	2,436	4,649	65.6
West Virginia	1,245	706	539	43.3
Wisconsin	4,163	2,588	1,575	37.8
Wyoming	1,564	837	727	46.5

UNITED STATES MIGRATION PATTERNS IN 1979
ACCORDING TO SHIPMENTS HANDLED BY UNITED VAN LINES

(Based on over 148,000 household goods shipments)

